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A PROCLAMATION

Against Importing of Irish Cattel, or Resetting thereof

WILLIAM By the Grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith : To

Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms

Our Shireffs in that part conjunctly and severally, specially constitute Greeting : *Forasmuch* as, by the fourteenth Act of the Parliament holden in the Year one thousand six hundred eighty six, it is expressly enacted and ordained, that no Horse, Mare or Cattle whatsoever shall be imported from *Ireland* to this Kingdom, under the pain and Penalty of Forefaulture of the Horse, Mares or Cattel that shall be imported, and further of paying the Sum of one hundred Merks *Scots* for each Beast, that shall be so imported, the one half of both the Beast and Fines, to belong to the Seizer and Discoverer, and the other half to his Majesty, As likewise, that no Person within this Kingdom reset or buy any Horse, Mares or Nolt, that they know to be imported out of *Ireland*, under the pain of one hundred Merks *Scots*, for each Beast, besides the Forefaulture of the Beasts themselves, the one half to belong to the Discoverer, (he alwise pursuing and instructing the Importation within six Moneths after) and the other half to his Majesty : And We being resolved, that due and exact obedience shall be given to the foresaid Act of Parliament for the time to come, and that the same shall be execute, with all rigour against such as transgress the same. Therefore, We with the Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council in pursuance of, and conforme to the foresaid Act of Parliament, strictly prohibite and discharge the importing of any Horse, Mares, Cows or other Cattel from *Ireland* into this Kingdom, either by the Natives thereof or Inhabitants in *Ireland*, or any other Forraigners whatsoever, and all Persons to buy or reset any Horses, Mares or Nolt, that they know to be imported out of *Ireland*, after the Day and Date hereof under the pains above-mentioned respective, contained in the foresaid Act of Parliament, for importing buying or resetting any Horse, Mares or Nolt imported from *Ireland* contrary thereunto. Likeas, We with advice foresaid for the more effectual Execution of the Premises, Require and Command all Collectors, Surveyers, Waiters or others imployed in uplifting and collecting Our Customs and forraign Excise, at the several Sea-ports of this Kingdom, and all Officers of the Law whatsoever, to seaze upon all Horse, Mares and Cattel whatsoever imported from *Ireland* after the date hereof, or bought or reset by whatsoever Person or Persons within this Kingdom who knew the same, to have been imported, and to detain and confiscat the same, conform to the foresaid Act of Parliament, and to pursue and exact from the several persons who shall Import, Buy or Reset, any Horse, Mares or any other Cattle imported from *Ireland* contrair to the foresaid Act of Parliament, the Sums and Penalties respectively above-mentioned, incurred by them through the foresaid Transgression, the one half thereof to be applyed for His Majesties use, and the other half to be detained by themselves, in manner specified in the said Act. OUR WILL IS HEREFOR, and We Charge you straitly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and to the Mercat Crosses of the several Head-Burghs and Sea-port-touns within this Kingdom, and make Publick Intimation thereat of Our pleasure in the Premises, that none may pretend Ignorance. And Ordains these presents to be Printed ; And Our Solicitor to transmit Copies thereof to the Shireffs of the several Shires and Stewarts of the Stewartries, their Deputs or Clerks, and to the Magistrats of the several Sea-port-tounst, to be by them published accordingly.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh the eleventh day of May one thousand six hundred ninety and eight years, and of our Reign the tenth Year.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii
GILB. ELIOT, Cls. Sti. Concilii

GOD Save the KING.

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